

# CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A putter comprising:
  - a shaft having a grip disposed at an upper end;
  - a putter head disposed at a lower end of the shaft that comprises:
    - a body having a front surface with a relatively small, centrally-located, flat ball
- 5 contact surface that comprises a sweet spot of the putter head and lateral portions that taper rearwardly away from the ball contact surface.
2. The putter recited in Claim 1 wherein the shaft is straight.
3. The putter recited in Claim 1 wherein the shaft has an offset.
4. The putter recited in Claim 1 wherein the body has a trapezoidal shape.
5. The putter recited in Claim 1 wherein the lateral portions of the front surface are flat surfaces.
6. The putter recited in Claim 1 wherein the lateral portions of the front surface are curved surfaces.
7. The putter recited in Claim 1 wherein the putter head has a flat base with relatively thick lateral ends, one of which has an opening therein into which the shaft is inserted.
8. The putter recited in Claim 7 wherein a rear portion of the putter head has a cavity formed therein.
9. In a putter having a shaft with a grip disposed at an upper end and a putter head disposed at a lower end, wherein the putter head comprises:
  - a body having a front surface with a relatively small, centrally-located, flat ball
- 5 contact surface that comprises a sweet spot of the putter head and lateral portions that taper rearwardly away from the ball contact surface.
10. The putter head recited in Claim 9 wherein the shaft is straight.

11. The putter head recited in Claim 9 wherein the shaft has an offset.
12. The putter head recited in Claim 9 wherein the body has a trapezoidal shape.
13. The putter head recited in Claim 9 wherein the lateral portions of the front surface are flat surfaces.
14. The putter head recited in Claim 9 wherein the lateral portions of the front surface are curved surfaces.
15. The putter head recited in Claim 9 which has a flat base with relatively thick lateral ends, one of which has an opening therein into which the shaft is inserted.
16. The putter head recited in Claim 15 which further comprises a cavity formed in a rear portion thereof.